

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

WALL STREET, OCT. 10-11 P. M.

ACTIVITY AND BOUQUANT.

The feature of to-day in Wall street was the strong and buoyant market at the Stock Exchange, the dealings being on a very large scale and promising that revival of activity which has been so long expected after so many disappointments. The market conviction that the money market will not be visited with the stringency so usual at this season is the foundation of the more active movement in railway and miscellaneous shares, which took so marked a turn to-day. Authorities and opinions were seldom so unanimous in prophesying an easy money market the balance of the fall. While some are disposed to think this abundance anomalous and indicative of less activity in general trade, the facts show that the revival of business all over the country is general and encouraging. During the past year the government has set free nearly one hundred and fifty millions of dollars which had been locked up in government bonds. Again, the bulk of stocks which used to swell the demand for money has been greatly reduced. For instance, Fort Wayne, which was wont to fluctuate between 140 and 160 before the issue of the Pennsylvania company, has been withdrawn from the market by its owners for private investment, and the money given in exchange for it is now in the street. A dozen other stocks have in the same way disappeared from the arena of activity, leaving in their stead cash equivalents. Moreover, the panic of 1869 marked down prices to the extent of at least a hundred millions of dollars, so that to make the volume of stock values commensurate with the capital which they are capable of absorbing their price must advance to not less than the standard of prices which prevailed a year ago. That a rising market is a happy one was evidenced in the cheerfulness and buoyancy which everywhere existed to-day. It is fair to say that Wall street has not been so thronged since last winter. Activity and life were visible everywhere; the street begins to wear its old-time aspect and the brokers to put on smiles to which they have been long strangers. The rise in prices of the leading shares was an average of about three-quarters per cent, and the best prices were made almost at the very close. The table below will show that in one instance the advance was as much as 1 1/2 per cent. The following were the closing prices at the last session of the Stock Exchange: Canton Company, 68 1/2; Consolidation Coal, 27 1/2; Cumberland Iron, 40; Western Union, 37 1/2; Quicksilver, 4 1/2; Marquette, 5 bid; preferred, 1 1/2; Adams Express, 67 1/2; Wells-Fargo Express, 36 1/2; do, scrip, 2 1/2; American Express, 42 1/2; United States Express, 30 1/2; Pacific Mail, 44 1/2; do, scrip, 1 1/2; Central consolidated, 83 1/2; do, scrip, 1 1/2; Reading, 100 1/2; Michigan Central, 121 1/2; 122 1/2; Lake Shore, 94 1/2; Illinois Central, 125 1/2; 127 1/2; Cleveland and Pittsburgh, 104 1/2; Chicago and Northwestern, 81 1/2; do, preferred, 88 1/2; 88 1/2; Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati and Indiana, 80 1/2; 81 1/2; Milwaukee Central, 107 1/2; Rock Island, 113 1/2; 113 1/2; Milwaukee and St. Paul, 64 1/2; 64 1/2; do, preferred, 8 1/2; Toledo, Wabash and Western, 53 1/2; 53 1/2; do, preferred, 70; Fort Wayne, 38 1/2; Chicago and Alton, 112 1/2; do, preferred, 11 1/2; 11 1/2; Ohio and Mississippi, 33 1/2; 33 1/2; St. Louis and St. Paul, 107 1/2; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, 107 1/2; 107 1/2; Morris and Essex, 80 1/2; Boston, 104 1/2; Erie, 4 1/2; 4 1/2; Hannibal and St. Joseph, 100 1/2; do, preferred, 110 bid; Columbus, Chicago and Indiana Central, 17 1/2; 17 1/2.

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